TWO SUNDAY HYMNS,

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HYMN

BEFORE MORNING SERVICE.

I.

AGAIN the Day returns of holy reſt,
Which, when he made the world, *Jehovah* bleſt;
When, like his own, he bade our labour ceaſe,
And all be piety, and all be peace.

II.

While impious Men deſpiſe the ſage Decree,
From "vain Deceit and falſe Philoſophy;"
Let us its wiſdom own, its bleſſings feel,
Receive with gratitude, perform with zeal.

III.

Let us devote this conſecrated Day
To learn his will, and all we learn obey,
In pure Religion's hallow'd duties ſhare,
And join in Penitence, and join in Prayer.

IV.

So ſhall the God of Mercy pleas'd receive
That only tribute, Man has pow'r to give;
So ſhall he hear, while fervently we raiſe
Our Choral Harmony in Hymns of Praiſe.

V.

CHORUS.

FATHER OF HEAVEN, in whom our hopes confide
Whoſe pow'r defends us, and whoſe precepts guide;
In Life our Guardian, and in Death our Friend,
Glory ſupreme be thine till time ſhall end.

H Y M N

BEFORE EVENING SERVICE.

I.

SOON will the evening Star with ſilver ray
Shed its mild luſtre on this ſacred Day:
Reſume we then, ere Sleep and Silence reign,
The rites that Holineſs and Heav'n ordain.

II.

Still let each awful Truth our thoughts engage,
That ſhines reveal'd on Inſpiration's page:
Nor thoſe bleſt hours in vain amuſements waſte
Which all, who laviſh, ſhall lament at laſt.

III.

Here humbly let us hope our Maker's ſmile
Will crown with meet ſucceſs our weekly toil;
And here, on each returning Sabbath join
In Prayer, in Penitence, and Praiſe divine.

IV.

CHORUS.

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Whoſe pow'r defends us, and whoſe precepts guide;
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